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Memorandum

TO: Administration Committee

DATE: September 5, 2007

Legislation Committee

FR: Executive Director

W.I.: 1132

RE: Contract Amendment – Legislative Representation for FYs 2007-08 and 2008-09:
Government Relations, Inc. (Thomas J. Bulger)

Background

For compelling business reasons, staff recommends extending MTC's contract with Mr. Bulger to provide these representation services on a sole source basis for an additional two years, through October 30, 2009.

Mr. Bulger has represented the Commission in Washington D.C. since 1984 and has remained an important element in MTC's effort to improve federal transportation policy in light of the many challenges facing our nation's policy makers.

Tom Bulger possesses extensive governmental and advocacy experience as well as close relationships with key members and allies on transportation-related committees in Congress, the Administration and federal agencies. Besides serving the Commission well during three federal transportation reauthorizations, Mr. Bulger has a unique understanding of MTC and its legislative programs and has the vast experience necessary to weave the Bay Area's forceful message of a unified regional transportation community in the nation's capital. This experience is invaluable working with the dozens of Bay Area transit operators and other transportation interests who also have a presence in Washington DC.

Recommendations

Mr. Bulger's contract for the past year was \$196,300. As in past years, we recommend increasing that amount by 5% each year, to meet an expected level of inflation and a very modest increase to reflect work well done. The annual amounts would total \$206,100 and \$216,400 respectively and an amount of \$19,000 per month for the four months of July through October at the beginning of FY 2009-10.

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Staff recommends that the Committees authorize the Executive Director or his designee to enter into a contract amendment with Tom Bulger (dba Government Relations, Inc.) in the amount of \$429,520. Of that amount, \$137,420 is already included in the approved FY 2007-08 agency budget. The remaining amounts, as indicated in the attached Summary of Contract Approval, are subject to approval of future year agency budgets.

Steve Heminger

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REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

Summary of Proposed Contract Amendment

Work Item No.: 1132

Vendor: Government Relations, Inc. (Thomas J. Bulger)

Work Project Title: Legislative Analysis and Advocacy

Purpose of Project: Obtain services of a legislative advocate in Washington, D.C.

Brief Scope of Work: Provide the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) with legislative consultant services in Washington, D.C. Act as legislative advisor; monitor all legislation affecting MTC; report to the Manager of Legislation and Public Affairs, Executive Director, the Legislation Committee, and the Commission as needed.

Project Cost Not to Exceed: \$137,420 (11/1/2007-6/30/2008)
\$216,400 (July 1, 2008- June 30, 2009, subject to inclusion in the FY 2008-09 agency budget)
\$75,700 (7/1/09-10/30/07, subject to inclusion in the FY 2009-10 agency budget)

Funding Sources: TDA, STA

Fiscal Impact: \$137,420 included in FY 2007-08 agency budget; remaining amounts to be proposed in FY 2008-09 and FY 2009-10 agency budgets.

Motion by Committee: That the Executive Director or his designee is authorized to negotiate and enter into a contract with Government Relations, Inc. for legislative consultant service of Thomas J. Bulger, and the Chief Financial Officer is directed to set aside funds in the amounts set forth above for such amendment, subject to approval of the agency budgets for FY 2008-09 and 2009-10.

Administration Committee:

Bob Blanchard, Chair

Approved:

Date: September 12, 2007

Legislation Committee:

Jon Rubin, Chair

Approved:

Date: September 14, 2007

